

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image pickup apparatus comprises:

recording means for recording AV data including  
image data and sound data; and

5 communication means for starting an output of AV  
data to be recorded in said recording means in response  
to an instruction of a record start and for stopping an  
output of AV data to be recorded in said recording  
means in response to an instruction of a record stop.

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2. An image pickup apparatus according to claim  
1, wherein said communication means continues to output  
AV data to be recorded in said recording means from the  
instruction of the record start to the instruction of  
the record stop, irrespective of whether or not said  
recording means can normally record AV data.

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3. An image pickup apparatus according to claim  
1, wherein said communication means outputs AV data by  
20 using an isochronous transfer scheme stipulated in the  
IEEE1394-1997 standards.

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4. An image pickup apparatus according to claim  
1, wherein the image pickup apparatus is a camera-  
25 integrated digital video recorder.

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5. A method of controlling an image pickup

apparatus comprising recording means for recording AV data including image data and sound data and communication means for outputting AV data to be recorded in said recording means, the method comprising

5       the steps of:

          controlling said communication means to start an output of AV data to be recorded in said recording means in response to an instruction of a record start; and

10      controlling said communication means to stop an output of AV data to be recorded in said recording means in response to an instruction of a record stop.

15      6. A method according to claim 5, wherein said communication means continues to output AV data to be recorded in said recording means from the instruction of the record start to the instruction of the record stop, irrespective of whether or not said recording means can normally record AV data.

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7. A method according to claim 5, wherein said communication means outputs AV data by using an isochronous transfer scheme stipulated in the IEEE1394-1997 standards.

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8. A method according to claim 5, wherein the image pickup apparatus is a camera-integrated digital video recorder.